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NODES IN A
GRAPHICAL PROGRAM

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12 in the "Description of the Related Art" section with the following paragraph:

The method disclosed in Kodosky et al allows a user to construct a diagram using a block diagram editor. The block diagram may include a plurality of interconnected icons such that the diagram created graphically displays a procedure or method for accomplishing a certain result, such as manipulating one or more input variables and/or producing one or more output variables. In response to the user constructing a diagram or graphical program using the block diagram editor, data structures may be automatically constructed which

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